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This variety of the Apricot, which is held in esteem over any other at present cultivated, appears to have received the name of *Anson's*, or the *Moor Park*, in compliment to LORD ANSON, by whom it was introduced into this country, and cultivated in his garden at *Moor Park*, near *Rickmansworth*, in *Hertfordshire*. It has also been called *Temple's Apricot*, and *Dunmore's Breda*; but on what authority these names were given, is uncertain. Many of our gardeners have supposed this variety to be the *Peach Apricot* (*Abricot Pêche*) of the French authors; and FORSYTH tells us, the *Peach Apricot* was introduced by the DUKE of NORTHUMBERLAND, in 1767, and was thought to be the same with the *Moor Park*; but, he adds, "upon a minute investigation, the leaves will be found to differ." In the HORTICULTURAL TRANSACTIONS, however, it is stated, among other valuable selections from French authors, by SIR JOSEPH BANKS, that the *Abricot Pêche* is a very distinct variety; being "a large tree, which may be raised from the stone without grafting: it ripens later than the rest, not till the end of August; the stone is so soft that a pin will pierce through it; the kernel is bitter." HORT. TRANS. Vol. I. Appendix, p. 3.

From these observations it may be concluded, that the *Peach*